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THIRD STATE LEGISLATURE MET LAST TUESDAY

W. H. H. Llewellyn Elected
Speaker of House of
Representatives

GOVERNORS MESSAGE WAS READ YESTERDAY

Legislators Are Urged to For-
get Politics and Work
for People

The state legislature met on Tuesday at Santa Fe, Secretary of State Lucero swearing in the members of both houses. Lieutenant Governor Lindsey took charge of the organization of the senate, the various officials and employees being named. In the house of representatives, W. H. H. Llewellyn was chosen Speaker. Both houses named committees to wait upon Governor De Baca to inform him of the organization of the legislature.

The Governor's message was heard yesterday morning. The message urged that the members of both houses forget petty politics and work for the passage of needed legislation in the interest of all the people. The governor urged action on the prohibition question in fulfillment of party pledges, asking that early action be taken toward submission of the question to a vote of the people of the state. He called attention to the Federal Aid Road Act, whereby New Mexico can secure during the next five years federal aid in road construction to the amount of \$1,170,000, provided a like amount is provided by the state, and recommended legislation toward securing this sum.

He called attention to the present unfair mine tax law, which taxes the net income only of mines, leaving large tracts of valuable mining land free from taxation. The message goes into the matter of taxation quite thoroughly, pointing out numerous unfair and unjust matters which ought to be remedied. An inheritance tax, graduated to the end that large estates would pay a just proportion of tax is recommended. He asks that the Tax Commission be given more powers and sufficient funds to enable it to produce results. The Governor asks that the office of Traveling Auditor be replaced with the governor, to the end that better service may accrue.

Attention is called to the fact that several Private Car Companies are evading taxation in the state under present laws, and a remedy is asked for this injustice.

The abolition of the Insurance Commissioner's office is asked, in that the Corporation Commission can easily handle this business, and a saving of about \$10,000 per year be secured for the taxpayers.

The business of the State Land Office is gone into quite extensively and it is shown that immense sums have been spent by this office, with no audit during the whole term of office since statehood.

The Australian Ballot system, modified to suit conditions in the state is recommended, and an amendment to the law regarding Absent Voters.

The governor asks the amending of our jury laws to do away with the professional juror and protect the rights of the people.

Attention is called to the notorious fence law, which does not protect our farmers, but is a menace to them.

It is suggested that the Penitentiary and Reform School be given authority to establish new industries that the inmates of both may be kept employed at congenial work while serving sentences. Additional powers are requested for the State Board of Education that still further strides in education may be made within our state.

A law giving authority to the gover-



One of the many delightful Camping Places in the Manzanos, easily reached from Mountainair

nor to name a special prosecutor when necessary to meet the ends of justice is prayed for.

The message is to the point and if the legislators will carry out half of the suggestions therein contained, they will have won and deserved the highest praise ever given a New Mexico legislature.

Justice of Peace Election

The justice of the peace election on Monday was a quiet affair, only sixteen votes being cast. Judge Fuller received the full vote to succeed himself. Ben Lowry, while not a candidate for re-election, received fifteen votes and Manuel Barela received one vote for constable.

Real Estate Transfers

D. S. Byrd et ux to School District No. 15, 2 acres in sec 30, 5, 7.

Jas. H. Rhoades et ux to J. J. White, undivided half interest lots 1 and 2, block 18, Mountainair.

Alcario Candelaria et ux to Roberto J. Chavez, 40 acres in sec 17, 4, 6.

Post Office at X-Ray

A postoffice is to be established sixteen miles southwest of Mountainair, in the Liberty neighborhood, in the near future. The name will be X-Ray and Mrs. McElheny is to be the postmistress. This will serve a large number of patrons, who on account of the distance from Mountainair now get their mail on an average of once a week.

Warning

To the Public:

The Santa Fe Railway Company has built a viaduct or bridge over its tracks a short distance west of the station especially to safeguard the public, who must cross the tracks. Please use this bridge and do not persist in crossing tracks in yards and around depot, where a train or engine is liable to pass any minute. Help us protect your own lives.

J. A. Copeland, Agent.

Warning

Boys are warned not to meddle with the thermometers and rain gauge on the commons near the depot, as these are Government Property. This week boys were seen opening the shelter and investigating the thermometers. One of the supports was found broken, which these lads will have to make good. Should the meddling be continued, it will be necessary to turn the boys over to the courts to say what shall be done with them.

Watch Night Services at Estancia

(Special Correspondence to the Independent)

The union watch night meeting held at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night was a complete success, beginning at 7:30 o'clock and continuing until after midnight, and the congregation did not seem to grow weary. The spirit of harmony manifested among the people of different denominations is worthy of special remark.

Promptly at 7:30 the first number on the program came. This was the wedding of Mr. Charles Sawey and Miss Ruth Crawford by Rev. J. A. Bretz, Forest Mason being best man and Miss Annie Porter, bridesmaid. Mrs. J. A. Bretz playing the Wedding March. Miss Crawford, the bride, is the church organist, Sunday School teacher and First Vice-President of the Epworth League, a very efficient worker in the Church. Mr. Sawey is connected with the Valley Auto Co. of Estancia. The friends are pleased to know that the young people will make their home in Estancia.

The Baptist Young Peoples Union next gave their evening devotional program, which was followed by an address by Superintendent Howard Park on the public schools on New Year Resolutions. An hour was then devoted to social intercourse during which Mr. Munch gave some splendid organ selections.

A program of recitations and song was rendered about 10 o'clock in which Viola Grant, Lillie Mae Grant, Willie Grant, Charlotte Bretz, Ethel Howe, Mabel Hine and Rev. Mr. Williams took part.

The ladies then served refreshments, and the evening's exercises were concluded with addresses by Rev. W. C. Grant and Rev. J. A. Bretz, and a general handshaking nearly the whole congregation joining in covenant to by the help of God live better lives in the New Year than they had during the Old.

Enrollment Now 152

The following have enrolled in the public schools this week, making a total enrollment of 152 pupils.

Jose Chavez, 2nd grade, Cienega, N. M.
Salvador Aragon, 2nd grade, Cienega, N. M.
Cecil Harlan, 1st grade, Wewoka, Oklahoma.
Clara Harlan, 6th grade, Wewoka, Oklahoma.
Charles VanOrman, 5th grade, Socorro, N. M.
Jessie Baldwin, 4th grade, Vincennes, Indiana.

Torrance County Prize Winners

The New Mexico Farm Courier gives the names of the winners in the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of the state for the past year. In the Corn Club Nola Butler of Moriarty stands seventh. When it is considered that Torrance County is not usually thought of as a corn growing country, and that this corn was grown at an altitude of over 6,000 feet under dry farming conditions, it is remarkable that a Torrance County girl came in at all for a premium. The premium in this case is \$1.00.

In the Bean Club the Torrance County Boys and Girls were compelled to compete with hand picked beans from other sections of the state, whereas none of our young people exhibited hand picked beans. Out of eleven who received prizes on beans, nine were from Torrance county, even with the handicap just mentioned. The list of winners follows:

Premium
Pedro Crespin, Trujillo.....\$7.00
Walter Hoyland, Mountainair.....4.00
Luther Vanderford, McIntosh.....1.00
Bera Butler, Moriarty......50
Willie Clark, Estancia......50
Roy de Vaney, Progreso......50
Harold Johnson, Estancia......50
Conchita Vigil, Moriarty......50
Henry Turner, E. Las Vegas......50
Walter Merrifield, Estancia......50
Oral Hallon, Mountainair......50

In the Potato Club Chester Shockley of Moriarty stands third, with a premium of \$1.00 attached.

Out of a total of thirty-six cash premiums awarded, Torrance County Boys and Girls carried off eleven. And this in competition with all sections of the state, irrigated sections included.

Commercial Club

A meeting of the business men and farmers of Mountainair and vicinity is hereby called for Monday evening, January 15th, at 7:30, at the office of the Abo Land Company, for the purpose of re-organizing the Commercial Club. There is work for such a body and a good attendance is desired at this meeting.

Card of Thanks

To the many friends who so kindly assisted in helping me win third prize in the Independent Contest, I wish to extend my thanks. All votes cast for me were very much appreciated.

Mabel Sellers.

Born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owens, southeast of town, a boy. And this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Green a boy. Mrs. Green is a daughter of Jas. A. Perkins. All concerned are reported as doing well.

Homestead Filings

The following persons have made filings before U. S. Commissioner Hanlon since our last report:

Encarnacion Garcia, sec 1, e 1 w 1 sec 32, 4, 9
Fairy D. Arnett, w 1 ne 1 sec 18, 3, 8
Edward Philipp, ne 1, n 1 se 1, sw 1 sec 23, 3, 8
Payton W. Simpkins, e 1 se 1 sec 30; e 1 e 1 nw 1 ne 1, nw 1 se 1 sec 31; w 1 se 1, sw 1, e 1 nw 1 sec 29, 3, 8
Monroe J. Green, w 1 sec 25, 8, 8
Joaquin Sineros, nw 1 nw 1, s 1 nw 1 sec 25, 3, 5.
Frederick C. Schuessler, w 1 sec 6, 2, 9.

Sam W. Schuessler, n 1 sec 5, 2, 9
Andrew J. Schuessler, s 1 sec 5, 2, 9
John W. Walden, e 1 ne 1, e 1 se 1 sec 8, 4, 7
Burlin C. Bridges, e 1 se 1 sec 21; e 1 ne 1 sec 28; ne 1 se 1, nw 1 sw 1 sec 27; w 1 nw 1 sec 27, 1, 8

Frank L. Yoder, nw 1, n 1 sw 1, se 1 sw 1 sec 13; nw 1 ne 1 sec 13, 2, 8
James W. Donaghe, se 1 sec 19; e 1 ne 1 sec 30; w 1 nw 1 sec 29, 3, 8
Henry G. Culbert, w 1 sec 33, 1, 8
Preston Fulfer, s 1 ne 1, se 1, e 1 sw 1 sec 20, 1, 8
Jason C. Williams, lot 2, sw 1 ne 1 sec 3, 4, 7

Wm. W. Slack, s 1 s 1 sec 28; ne 1 n w 1, ne 1 sw 1, s 1 sw 1, sw 1 ne 1, w 1 se 1 sec 27; nw 1 and nw 1 ne 1 sec 34, 1, 8

Selter N. Hale, sec 1, 2, 8
Manuel Barela, sw 1, sec 26, 3, 6
Petra Chavez de Lopez, nw 1 sec 26, 3, 6

Wm. F. Bartell, se 1 sec 17, 3, 6
Fred C. Hinton, e 1 ne 1, s 1 se 1, s w 1 sec 27, 3, 8

James A. Rogers, s 1 sw 1 sec 11; se 1 nw 1, sw 1 ne 1, w 1 sw 1, se 1 sw 1, sw 1 se 1 sec 14, 8, 8

Bennie B. White, nw 1, w 1 sw 1, se 1 sw 1, se 1 se 1, sec 23, 3, 8

Wm. C. White, e 1 sec 24, 2, 8

Granville M. Cleghorn, sw 1 sec 5; n w 1 sec 8; ne 1 sec 7; se 1 sec 6, 2, 5

William G. Bussey, e 1 se 1 sec 20, 2, 8

Pedro Sandoval sec 11, 2, 5

Wm. H. Smith, n 1 sec 33; s 1 sec 28, 3, 8

Earl A. Brown, n 1 se 1 sec 22, 2, 7

Aron G. Braswell, sw 1 sec 3; e 1 e 1 sec 11, 2, 8

Arnold D. Braswell, nw 1, sw 1 ne 1, e 1 ne 1, ne 1 se 1 sec 14, 2, 8

Newton L. Floyd, sw 1 se 1, se 1 sw 1, ne 1 sw 1, s 1 tw 1, sw 1 ne 1, nw 1 sec 31, 3, 8

Jesse Condrey, n 1 sec 25, 2, 8

Roman Ballejos, n 1 sec 20, 3, 8

Postmaster Conant of Rayo is in town today.

LOOK—Dentist from Albuquerque is in town Sunday and Monday

BEAN GROWERS NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

Formed at Local School House
Last Saturday after-
noon

ORGANIZATION TO BE COMPLETED SATURDAY

All Farmers and Land Own-
ers Invited to Attend
and Join

The Farmers in the vicinity of Mountainair met at the school building last Saturday for the purpose of discussing the question of organizing a Federal Loan Association in accordance with the law establishing a system of farm loan banks in various parts of the United States, which has been designated by the board set apart by the law recently enacted by Congress for that purpose.

Mr. Charles A. Noble was chosen temporary chairman and James A. Perkins secretary for the occasion. The chairman proceeded to explain the purpose of the meeting by reading from pamphlets sent out by the department at Washington, D. C.

After the matter was thoroughly discussed and those present had received a clear understanding of the advantages of such an institution to the farming element, in enabling them to secure long time loans at a much lower rate of interest than is possible at present, through any other system they decided to proceed to organize.

The name "The Bean Growers' National Farm Loan Association" was suggested by the secretary as being appropriate for the association, owing to the fact of this being a bean growing country. This was voted upon and adopted unanimously. It was then decided to give the people present the opportunity of subscribing to the association, the names of which are as follows:

Charles A. Noble, James A. Perkins, Jim Payne, Clem Shaffer, J. J. White, J. A. Cooper, John Dils, Wilfred M. Brown, J. A. Ross, J. A. Cluff, E. C. Telford, G. M. Kayser, M. A. Bullington, Frank Schmitz, Edgar Ingraham.

The amount of about \$18,500 being applied for as loans, and \$20,000 being necessary to secure the association, it lacks but \$1500. From what we have since learned, by the time we meet again, which will be Saturday, January 13th at 1 p. m., we will likely have more than the required amount of applications and subscriptions to complete the establishment of the association.

Every farmer who is a land owner or is soon to become a landowner is requested to meet with us on the above date and help us to complete the formation of this much needed organization.

Charles A. Noble,
Temporary chairman
James A. Perkins,
Temporary secretary

Preaching Services

Cedar Grove, 1st Sunday at 11 a. m.
Liberty, 2d Sunday at 11 a. m. Round-
top, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m. Mesa School-
house, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m.

W. D. Garrison, Pastor.

To Organize Sunday School

The people of Cedar Grove are requested to meet at the Cedar Grove School house next Sunday, January 14, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of re-organizing the Sunday School. There will be preaching afterwards. Every body is hereby requested to be present.

James A. Perkins.